

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action mailed April 18, 2007. Claims 1 – 25 and 27 – 36 were rejected. Claims 1, 5 – 8, 13, 14, 17, 21, 25, 29 – 31, and 35 have been amended. Claims 12, 16, 24, and 36 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1 – 11, 13 – 15, 17 – 23, 25 and 27 – 35 remain pending in the application.

Section 112 Rejections

Claims 1 – 25 and 27 – 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended various ones of the claims to remove various instances of “configured to,” “operable to,” and similar phrases.

Claims 1, 7, 13, 21, 29 – 31, and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for use of the phrases “key-key encryption” and “key-key verification.” Applicant has amended claims 1, 13, 21, and 29 – 31 to recite, in pertinent part, the limitation “wherein the key-key encryption comprises asymmetric key encryption based on a public key and a corresponding private key.” Support for the amendments may be found in Applicant’s specification at least from page 26, line 6 to page 27, line 18. Applicant has amended claims 7 and 35 to replace “key-key verification” with “verification.”

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the pending claims satisfy §112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under §112, second paragraph.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that claims 12, 16, 24, and 36 (reciting the limitation “wherein the network identity comprises a MAC address”) would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for consideration of these claims. Applicant has amended each of the pending independent claims to include the limitation “wherein the network identity comprises a MAC address.” Accordingly, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5681-04200/BNK.

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